

LAKE BLUFF PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# *off the* SHELF

## Three Girls from Bronzeville Read Between the Ravines Two Communities, One Nonfiction Book

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## STATE GRANT ALLOCATED FOR BUILDING SAFETY

The Lake Bluff Public Library is excited to announce that we received a \$100,000 grant from the State of Illinois to support essential building improvements. However, during the initial planning phase, asbestos was discovered in both public and non-public areas of the Library, prompting a shift in the project's focus to its safe and thorough removal. This critical work is scheduled to begin this spring to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff and community members. While we aim to minimize disruptions, this process may temporarily affect some in-person programming. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we undertake this important project. For updates and more details, please visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/Asbestos](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/Asbestos).

## WELCOME! NEW LIBRARY STAFF

Next time you're in the Library, say hello to our newest staff members:

- **Molly Coyle**  
Reference, Circulation,  
and Tech Services Manager
- **Nicholas Rosales**  
Building Maintenance

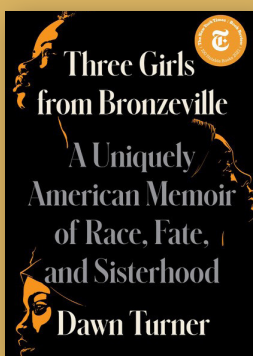
## READ BETWEEN THE RAVINES

### TWO COMMUNITIES, ONE NONFICTION BOOK

Lake Bluff and Lake Forest Libraries proudly present the seventh annual Read Between the Ravines! This "Two Communities, One Nonfiction Book" program fosters nonfiction literacy and meaningful discussions. The 2025 selection is *Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood* by Dawn Turner. Learn more at [LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR).

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dawn Turner, an award-winning author and journalist, wrote the acclaimed memoir *Three Girls from Bronzeville*, praised by *Vogue* as "unmissable." A former *Chicago Tribune* columnist, she has covered race, politics, and untold stories, contributing to outlets like *The Washington Post*, PBS, and NPR. A Harvard Nieman Fellow and Pulitzer juror, she also established a media scholarship at the University of Illinois.



### ABOUT THE BOOK

In 1970s Bronzeville, Dawn Turner, her sister Kim, and best friend Debra grew up dreaming of bright, promising futures in a historic Black Chicago neighborhood. However, their lives took sharply different paths, shaped by heartbreak, loss, and tragedy. *Three Girls from Bronzeville* is Turner's powerful memoir of sisterhood, resilience, and the complex forces of race, class, and opportunity.





# An Evening with Dawn Turner

4/25 at 7pm | Registration Required

Located at the History Center of Lake Forest - Lake Bluff

Join the Lake Bluff and Lake Forest Libraries for an evening with award-winning author Dawn Turner (*Three Girls from Bronzeville*) in conversation with Toya Wolfe (*Last Summer on State Street*). The event will conclude with light refreshments and a book signing.

**LBPL** - Hosted at Lake Bluff Library | **LFL** - Hosted at Lake Forest Library  
Register through [LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR](http://LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR)

## **The World of the Three Girls: A History of Bronzeville**

3/2 at 2pm | **LFL R**

This illustrated lecture will introduce you to the fascinating history of Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, from its origins to the present day. Architectural historian Laurie Petersen's presentation will include key sites from *Three Girls from Bronzeville* by Dawn Turner.

## **Black Artists of Chicago**

3/16 at 2pm | **LFL R**

Join art educator Deb Levie to learn the about the history of Black artists from Chicago and their importance to our culture.

## **The Book Stops Here**

**Book Discussion R**

4/1 at 11am | at Dickinson Hall

Join Lake Forest Library staff in discussing *Three Girls from Bronzeville* by Dawn Turner. Hosted at Dickinson Hall, 100 E Old Mill Rd, Lake Forest. **To register, please call Dickinson Hall at 847-234-2209.**

## **Evening Book Discussion of "Last Summer on State Street"**

4/2 at 7pm | **LFL R**

Join Lake Forest Library staff for a lively discussion of Last

*Summer on State Street* by Toya Wolfe, a perfect complement to this year's Read Between the Ravines title *Three Girls from Bronzeville* by Dawn Turner.

## **The Great Migration & The Great War: Engines of Change**

4/3 at 6pm | **LBPL R**

The shock waves of the Great Migration and the Great War in the early 20th century resonate to this day. Join Clarence Goodman to discover the lesser-known ways these two events influenced and affected each other.

## **Evening Book Discussion of "Three Girls from Bronzeville"**

4/8 at 7pm | **LFL R**

Join Lake Forest Library staff for a discussion of this year's Read Between the Ravines title, *Three Girls from Bronzeville* by Dawn Turner.

## **The Emergence and Evolution of Blues Music in American Culture**

4/13 from 2-3:30pm | **LFL R**

Join Fruteland Jackson for a journey through blues history with lecture and song. A musician, author, and storyteller, Jackson performs traditional acoustic blues and is a five-time

Blues Music Award Nominee and "Keeping the Blues Alive" award recipient.

## **Afternoon Book Club**

4/15 at 2:30pm | **LBPL**

Join Lake Bluff Library staff for a discussion of this year's Read Between the Ravines title, *Three Girls from Bronzeville* by Dawn Turner.

## **Afternoons with Judy Levin: "Three Girls from Bronzeville"**

4/17 from 12-1:15pm | **LFL R**

Join Lake Forest Library staff member, Judy Levin, for a discussion of this year's Read Between the Ravines title, *Three Girls from Bronzeville* by Dawn Turner.

## **Dealing with Writing Challenges: A Workshop with Dawn Turner**

4/26 at 10am | **LFL R**

Join Lake Forest Library staff for a writing workshop with Dawn Turner, author of *Three Girls from Bronzeville*. Dawn will share insights on writing and strategies to overcome challenges. A book signing will follow, and attendees will receive a journal and pen.

## Spotlight Resource: Hoopla BingePass

With a Hoopla BingePass, Lake Bluff Library cardholders can use a single borrow to get unlimited access to a collection for seven days. You can watch an entire season of Pokémon, change up your workout with new fitness videos, or learn to cook a delicious meal with Craftsyt. New collections are added regularly, so you'll never run out of entertainment!

### For Adults:

- SeasonPass  
(watch full TV seasons with a single borrow!)
- Creativebug
- Hallmark+
- iNDIEFLIX
- Get Healthy U TV
- In the Kitchen with Craftsyt

### For Kids:

- Hands on Crafts for Kids
- STEAM Powered
- Pokémon
- The Highlights Collection
- Pinkalicious
- Dinosaur Train

### Ready to get started?

Grab your Lake Bluff Library card number and visit **HooplaDigital.com**, or download the Hoopla app today to enjoy movies, audiobooks, eBooks, and more!



### Needlework Night

**3/13 at 6pm | All Ages**

Crafters of knitting, crochet, needlepoint, and more are invited to a social evening at the Library. Make new friends, share techniques, and get inspired by everyone's projects. While this is not an instructional class, beginners or those interested in trying out a needlework craft are welcome to attend and see what the fun is all about!

### Afternoon Book Club

**3/18, 4/15, & 5/20 at 2:30pm**

Join Carol at the Library for an insightful monthly book discussion series:

#### March

*The Eyes and the Impossible*  
by Dave Eggers

#### April

*Three Girls from Bronzeville*  
by Dawn Turner

#### May

*Bewilderment*  
by Richard Powers

### Emily Dickinson:

**"I Dwell in Possibility"**

**3/27 at 6pm R**

Join Betsey Means from Woman-Lore for a historical portrayal of American poet Emily Dickinson. Learn about the reclusive life of a poet who wrote about powerful subjects including nature, immortality, and death.

**The Great Migration & The Great War: Engines of Change**  
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and affected each other. **\*See Page 3 for more Read Between the Ravines programs**

### Paint and Steep

**4/12 from 2 - 4pm**

**Ages 16+ R**

Join Teaching Artist Susie Speck for a step-by-step acrylic painting session. All supplies will be provided by Susie, and music will inspire your creativity. Unwind and enjoy a relaxing afternoon, with tea provided by the Library.

**Ending the Silence for Families**  
**5/1 at 6:30pm R V**

Ending the Silence for Families is a 1-hour presentation designed for adults 18 and older who care for middle or high school-aged youth. This program covers the warning signs of mental health challenges, important facts and statistics, tips for talking with your child, and strategies for collaborating with school staff. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library.*

**Travelogue for China and Taiwan | 5/22 at 6pm R**

Join us for a travelogue exploring China and Taiwan, hosted by cultural consultant Yvonne Wolf, who has traveled and lived in these two Chinese-speaking countries. Yvonne will guide you through key destinations, share cultural insights, provide tips and recommendations, and highlight the best-value experiences. With her expertise, she'll help prepare you for navigating East Asia, where everything operates according to Asian logic.



## Illinois Libraries Present: A Virtual Program Series

### Exploring Space with Coralie Adam | 3/4 at 7pm **R V**

Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam. She'll be joined in conversation by Renae Kerrigan, Curator of Science and Director of the Dome Planetarium at Peoria Riverfront Museum.

### 9to5: The Story of a Movement

#### Available 3/21 (starting at 2pm) through 3/23 **R V**

Watch this award-winning documentary from the comfort of your home! Discover the story behind the 9to5 movement, established to advocate for workplace equity and address wage disparities.

In the early 1970s, a group of secretaries in Boston took a stand against humiliating, harassing, and illegal workplace conditions. What began as a local movement grew into a nationwide fight for workers' rights, becoming a pivotal yet often overlooked chapter in 20th-century U.S. history. Directed by Academy Award and Emmy Award-winning documentarian Julia Reichert, this film brings their inspiring story to life.

### The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

#### 4/10 at 7pm **R V**

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using her inspiring Instagram account @blackforager to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She peels back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency.

### Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

#### 5/13 at 7pm **R V**

Matthew Desmond is a sociology professor at Princeton University and the author of the award-winning book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. His research focuses on poverty in the United States, urban life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography.

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## Volunteer at the Library!

Teens can apply to volunteer on the Library's website, and staff will provide a calendar of opportunities. For details, visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/TeenVolunteer](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/TeenVolunteer).

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### After School Adventure Club

#### 3/19, 4/23, & 5/14 at 4:30pm Ages 9-13

Stop by after school and choose your own "adventure". We'll always have something for you to do, like a craft, game, or activity, but you can also just hang out! Let us know what you're interested in doing, and we'll do our best to make it happen at a future club meeting.



## Drop-in Messy Crafts

**3/1, 4/5, & 5/3 at 11am**

**Ages 2 - 12**

Bring your kid in for some messy fun at the Library, and we'll handle the clean up! Smaller children will need the help of an adult.

## LEGO Drop-in

**3/5, 4/2, & 5/7 from 3 - 5pm**

**Ages 6 - 11**

Drop in and play with LEGO bricks!

## Storytime: Together Time

**3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, & 4/24 at 10:30am**

**Ages 2+ with an adult**

Kids and their adults can join us for stories, songs, and finger plays.

## Grab & Go Crafts

**Fridays, 3/7 - 5/30**

**Ages 2 - 12**

**While supplies last**

Pop into the Library and grab a craft to go! Every week a new craft will be available.

## Sensory Storytime

**3/8 & 5/10 at 10:30am**

**Ages 3+ with an adult R**

Join us for an inclusive and interactive storytime featuring sensory play, music, and lots of fun! In an effort to respect different sensory sensitivities, space will be limited; however, drop-ins will be accommodated if the session is not full.

## Baby & Me

**3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, & 4/15 at 10:30am**

**Ages 0 - 2 with an adult**

Join us with your littlest ones for this laid-back program. Children will listen to a short story, then socialize, play with age appropriate toys, and listen to music. Chat with other grown-ups while the kids play.

## Chess Club

**3/13, 4/10, & 5/8 at 5:30pm**

**Ages 6 - 12 R**

Whether you are new to chess, or

seeking to hone your techniques, Mark Hamilton will provide chess guidance to help you improve your game.

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## K9 Reading Buddies

**3/17 & 4/21 at 4pm**

**Ages 6 - 11 R**

Independent readers can sign up for a 15-minute session and read to a trained therapy dog. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library.*

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## Super Silly Egg Hunt

**3/22 through 3/29**

**All Ages**

Get ready to crack a joke! Hunt for eggs around the Youth Services Department and uncover hilarious surprises.

**Jazz Storytime****4/26 at 1pm R****Kids under 8 with families**

April is Jazz Appreciation Month! Dance and swing at this fun musical storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities that celebrate the jazz music and the people who make it.

**Art and Adventures with****Author/Illustrator Dan Santat****5/3 at 2pm | All Ages R V**

Dan Santat is the author and illustrator of over a hundred books for young people. Many of his books are *New York Times*-bestsellers, including *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, *Are We There Yet?*, and *After the*

*Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)*. His latest works include the best-selling graphic novels, *The Aquanaut* and *A First Time for Everything*.

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**Spotlight Resource:****Educate Station**

Enhance learning with Educate Station, a digital resource designed to support students, parents, and educators. Access printable worksheets, activities, and lesson plans for pre-k through 5th grade, all aligned with educational standards. Use your Lake Bluff Library card for free access and make learning fun today!

**1,000 books**  
before kindergarten

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten | Ages 0 - 6**

Help your little one build literacy and language skills! Reading aloud, whether your child is 3 months or 3 years old, promotes bonding, sparks imagination, and develops social and emotional skills. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk to get started. Remember, it's not about reaching 1,000—it's about making reading a joyful part of your routine. Happy reading!

**R** = Registration Required**V** = Virtual

All programs are in person at the Library unless otherwise stated.

## CONTACT US

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## ADMINISTRATION

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**Matt Zaute**

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held in person at the Library in the Spruth Room and streamed live on Zoom.

Tuesday, 3/18 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, 4/15 at 7:00pm

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are a non-profit organization that raises funds to support the Library.

## UPCOMING FRIENDS MEETINGS

Saturday, 4/5 at 11:00am

## STATEMENT ON PROGRAMMING

All Library programs are free of charge and open to everyone. You do not need a Library card to attend a program. Library programs are presented to offer differing viewpoints, and are not intended as endorsement by the Library of views expressed by, or actions suggested by, individual speakers or groups.

## PHOTO USE POLICY

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